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SUBJECT Cement Factories, Bridges, and Other
Installations in Opole

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1. The Nowa Wies Krolewska Cement Plant Enclosure A was formerly called the Bolko Cement Plant.

know that it was operating at that time, because I saw smoke rising from the smokestacks. I do not recall how many smokestacks there were. Raw material was dug from the quarry located just southwest of the plant. I saw river tugs towing barges which were loaded with a small pebble-like material. I do not know if this material was being towed toward or away from the plant. I do not know how many people worked at the plant or if there was any expansion under way there.

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2. The Miasto Cement Plant Enclosure A was formerly called the Piast Cement Plant. I do not recall when the name was changed.

I did not notice any new buildings or expansion. The quarry located just northeast of the plant was its source of raw material. There were one or two digging machines. These machines consisted of a series of scoops mounted on a conveyor. The scoops dug the raw material and dumped it into small cars. The cars were on a narrow-gauge track and carried the material to the plant. and I do not know how many people worked at the plant.

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3. The Odra Cement Plant was located in Zarkrzow, a suburb of Opole. For location see Enclosure B. The plant was about 1.5 km. north of the main railroad station at Opole.

Visitors were not allowed in the factory itself, but they were allowed in some of the offices. The opening speaker stated that the new installations were the product of the close cooperation of the Poles and the Czechs. It was also stated that this plant was the largest cement plant in Poland and either the largest or one of the largest in Europe. This plant was built on the site of the older Oppeln-Hofen Plant. I know that the same buildings were used, as they were not new, but renovated. Some of the buildings were brick and some were concrete. I visited a restaurant or a hall that would accommodate about 800 people. From the size of the plant, I would estimate that between 2,000 and 3,000 people could work there in three shifts. There were three brick smokestacks about 100 m. high placed in a straight line about 20 m. apart. I do not know the conveyor system used, but I presume the conveyor was the concrete-inclosed incline I saw that connected the quarry and the plant. The outside dimensions of this conveyor were about three to four meters square. The conveyor was about 15 to 20 m. long and was supported at about a 40 degree angle from the quarry to the plant. The concrete of this conveyor did not look new. I do not know if the machinery, which I believe was housed in this concrete structure, was new. There was a single-track, standard-gauge railroad between the river and the plant. There was a crane-like structure in this area, and there were two or three river barges moored along shore. I saw a train of boxcars in this area.

4. About four or five kilometers northeast of the Odra Cement Plant there was another cement plant the name of which I do not know. I have only seen it from a distance and do not know if it was in operation.

5. The Groszowice Cement Plant was located in the village of Groszowice 5038N-1758E. Groszowice railroad station was about five kilometers south of Opole, and the Groszowice Cement Plant was one kilometer south of the Groszowice railroad station.

I saw a steel rotating drum about 8 m. wide and 20 m. long which I presume was used to mix the raw materials. I do not know the source of raw materials or the location of a quarry in this area, but past this area, I saw a narrow-gauge, single-track railroad track that crossed the Opole-Gogolin 5029N-1802E road. This road passed over a bridge that crossed the track. I do not remember the exact location of this narrow-gauge track or of the bridge over it.

6. According to size, the cement plants in the Opole area ranked as follows:

- a. Odra Cement Plant.
- b. Groszowice Cement Plant.
- c. Nowa Wies Krolewska Cement Plant (formerly called the Bolko Plant).
- d. Miasto Cement Plant (formerly called the Piast Cement Plant).

Enclosures:

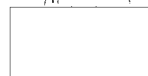
- A. City Plan of Opole
- B. Locations of Odra Cement Plant and Unidentified Cement Plant

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- C. Location of Grossowice Cement Plant
- D. Locations of Four Bridges in Opole
- E. Sketch of RR Bridge over Canal in Opole Enclosure D, Bridge No. 2
- F. Locations of Seven Bridges in Opole
- G. Sketch of Steel and Concrete RR Bridge over the Oder in Opole
Enclosure F, Bridge No. 1
- H. Location of RR Bridge over the Oder in Opole
- I. Sketch of RR Bridge over the Oder Location shown in Enclosure H

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